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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF VOLTAN AS BOAD PRESIDENT

1. PIERRE CLAVER DAMIBA HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AS FIRST PRESIDENT OF WEST AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (BOAD). AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT, DAMIBA WAS SERVING AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF NATIONAL DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENTS FUND.

2. BIO INFO IS AS FOLLOWS: BORN 1937 IN KOUPELA, UPPER VOLTA. MEMBER MOSSI TRIBE, MARRIED, CHRISTIAN. EDUCATED IN FRANCE, HOLDS DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF PARIS. HE IS WELL VERSED IN ECONOMICS. DAMIBA WAS MINISTER OF PLAN AND PUBLIC WORKS FROM APRIL 1967 TO FEBRUARY 1971.

3. IN DECEMBER 1970, DAMIBA WAS ELECTED TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE MLN PARTY TICKET AND HE WAS MEMBER OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSEMBLY UNTIL ITS DISSOLUTION IN 1974. FROM FEBRUARY

1971 UNTIL APRIL 1973 HE WAS ECONOMIC COUNSELOR TO
PRESIDENT LAMIZANA.

4. DAMIBA HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE FIELD,
BEING CHIEF BACK OF PAPER PRODUCTION FACTORY IN OUAGA-
DOUGOU. HE IS ALSO PRESIDENT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
FOR NEW BANQUE INTERNATIONALE DES VOLTAS (EX-BIAL).

5. EMBASSY HAS FOUND DAMIBA COOPERATIVE AND FRIENDLY IN
OUR RELATIONS WITH HIM. HE HAS VISITED U.S. SEVERAL TIMES
PRINCIPALLY ON MISSIONS TO THE WORLD BANK. HE READS BUT
DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH.
GRAHAM

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